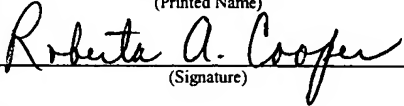




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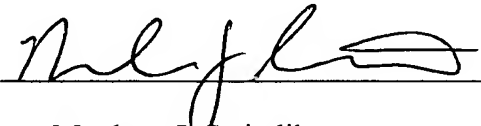
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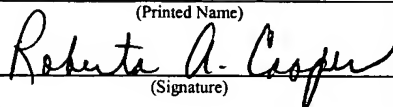
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated October 6, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner stated the following:

The primary reason for the allowance of the claims in this case, is the inclusion of the limitation "an interior trim having at least one projection; a separating sheet dividing the vehicle door into a dry chamber and a wet chamber; one or more clips configured to bias the interior trim toward the sealing flange so that at least one projection presses the separating sheet against the sealing flange" in the independent claim, in combination with the other recited

limitations in claims supported by this application, which are not found in the prior art of record.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to set forth additional and/or alternative reasons for patentability and/or allowance in connection with the present Application or in any other future proceeding.


REMARKS

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated October 6, 2006.

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